

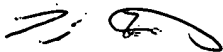
cap forms a bearing part that protrudes with respect to a width of the bearing surface to support the longitudinal movement of the camshaft at a lateral side of said camshaft thrust cam cap.” However, nowhere in Yamada is bearing 22b disclosed as protruding with respect to a width of the bearing surface, nor is longitudinal movement mentioned anywhere in Yamada. Cam cap bearing 22b is disclosed as being substantially the same as cam cap bearing 2b (Yamada column 4 lines 28-33), which consists of a semi-circular depression opened downward for rotatably supporting a camshaft(Yamada column 3 lines 5-9).

In contrast to the prior art, claim 5, and thus claim 6, which is dependent thereon, specifically recite that “said camshaft thrust cam cap forms a bearing part that protrudes with respect to a width of the bearing surface to support longitudinal movement of the camshaft at a lateral side of said camshaft thrust cam cap,” which is in neither of the references cited by the Examiner. Thus the cited references do not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0200).

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